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DUNES OPPORTUNITY

Recently the Save the Dunes Council, through its president, Mrs. James Buell, Ogden Dunes, Gary, Ind., bid successfully at a county tax sale for 56 acre Mineral Springs Bog in the Indiana dunes region along the shore of Lake Michigan. This bog is noted for its interesting plant and animal life, and ecology classes have long made use of it. It was there that Dr. H. C. Cowles of the University of Chicago made some of his early ecological studies. The bog, sometimes called Cowles Swamp, is an outstanding acquisition as a nature preserve.

An additional 150 acres of dunes and beach has now become available at a price of $52,500. The Save-the-Dunes Council is seeking funds to make the purchase during the very short period the sale is being held open to it. Contributions for this purpose may be made through the Nature Conservancy.

The Conservation Council of Chicago has said, in reference to the dunes, "It is a sad commentary on the American public that the esthetic, scientific, and recreational values near metropolitan centers are usually underestimated until too late to provide for them, and the area under discussion serves as a classic example." Your contribution will help change this to a case where action was taken in time. The action must be soon, however, for real estate interests are already pressing for control of the area.

FLORIDA'S CORKSCREW SWAMP

Corkscrew Swamp, containing the last large forest of tidewater cypress in the United States, as well as a great rookery of American egrets and wood Ibis, will be partly saved from destruction by lumbering through efforts of the Corkscrew Cypress Rookery Association and cooperating groups and individuals.

The swamp is in a roadless area of Collier County in southern Florida. Credit for first focusing attention on it must go to Mr. Ernest Taylor, an amateur herpetologist, who spent five days in the swamp taking pictures in 1952. Using the pictures obtained, Mr. Taylor gave many illustrated lectures on the swamp, and the interest aroused by the lectures has led to the present organized effort to preserve the area. The Corkscrew Cypress Rookery Association was formed on March 20, 1954. Mr. O. Earl Frye, Jr., assistant director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission at Tallahassee, was appointed secretary, and Mr. John H. Baker, president of the National Audubon Society, chairman of the Finance Committee.

The National Audubon Society is prepared to supply protective and interpretive service, and to take title to the land on a temporary custodial basis until some more permanent form of ownership can be worked out. Negotiations have been going forward between Mr. Baker and the owners of Lee Tidewater Cypress Company and The Collier Enterprise, companies which control the area. The two companies have been generous and cooperative and have offered to contribute certain parts of the swamp, provided protection is guaranteed. These, together with other land the companies are willing to sell, will make possible a 2,100 acre refuge.

I.U.P.N. BULLETIN

If present plans materialize, members will soon receive the current issue of the BULLETIN of the International Union for the Protection of Nature.

Because the I.U.P.N. is developing an international program similar to the Nature Conservancy's efforts in North America, we expect that distribution of the BULLETIN will be mutually helpful and we look forward to the possibility of distributing future issues in the same manner.

The I.U.P.N. needs financial support. Persons wanting to help may make contributions through the Nature Conservancy.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Following the recommendation of the Committee on Population Problems, the Executive Committee has chosen George V. Burger of Berkeley, California, to be recipient of the Nature Conservancy's 1954-1955 "Population and Preservation" study grant of $500.

The grant will aid Mr. Burger in carrying on advanced studies at the University of Wisconsin under Dr. Robert A. McCabe of the Department of Wildlife Management. His investigations will concern the effect of human usage on the physical and biotic relationships of a specific ecological community.

FUNDS OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The March membership meeting in Chicago adopted proposals to establish two new fund accounts, one for endowment and the other for purchase of natural areas. At the present time, Nature Conservancy funds fall in the following categories:

Permanent Endowment Fund. Consisting of contributions given specifically for endowment purposes, $100 from each Patron, and surplus general funds allocated by the Board of Governors. This fund now contains $9,900. Income from permanent fund investments goes to the general fund.

General Fund. Consisting of all general contributions and membership dues. Allocations are made by budget from this fund to support the activities of state representatives and special projects as well as to carry on the general work of the organization.

Special Funds. Consisting of contributions given for specific purposes. These are as follows:

1) Research Funds.
   Vegetation Types Survey. For a study of the vegetation types of North America.
   Inventory of Nature Reserves. For surveys of natural areas to determine their condition and status of preservation.
   Endangered Species Survey. To maintain a clearing-house of information on endangered species of plants and animals in North America.

2) Educational Funds.
   Population Study. To promote study of the relationship of human population to problems of nature conservation.
   Educational Publications. To prepare and publish nature conservation pamphlets.

3) Land Purchase Funds.
   General Natural Area Purchase. To be used for the purchase and preservation of any area approved by the Board of Governors; in particular to save areas where quick action is needed.
   Specific Area Funds. To be used for the preservation of designated areas, including at present Indiana Dunes, Sunken Forest, Troy Meadows, and Mettler's Woods.

4) Regional Funds. For promotion of nature preservation within a designated region.
   New Jersey. Consists at present of $246.58, the residue of Island Beach National Monument Committee funds.
   Long Island. Established by the Long Island Horticultural Society with a donation of $172, representing proceeds from a special sale of holly trees from Hicks Nursery.

5) Endangered Species Preservation Funds. To support projects for the protection of certain species. At present these include the Florida Key deer and the flamingo in the Bahamas.

Your support of any of these funds will be a great aid to the Nature Conservancy in carrying out its program. Contributions to the endowment fund, general fund, and general natural area purchase fund are particularly helpful.

COOPERATION IN CONNECTICUT

Natural area preservation is now being promoted in Connecticut by a Natural Areas Committee created by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. This organization has been carrying on conservation activities in the state for the last fifty years. Its president, Walter Howe, writes:

"Our Association is deeply interested in this program and the directors feel that it fits in naturally with the other activities of the Association . . ."

The Association will give the interest and support of its members, as well as provide facilities for publicity and mailing and thus help to promote the Connecticut natural areas preservation program with the greatest possible efficiency.

This promising move has come about largely thru preliminary work of the members of the state's Geological and Natural History Survey and local members of Nature Conservancy.

Those invited to serve on the committee are Dr. Frank E. Egler, Dr. Richard H. Goodwin, Prof. Harold Lutz, Mr. Henry Hicock, Dr. Wm. Niering, Mrs. A. G. Kitchel, and Hon. Roy C. Wilcox.

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT

On May 18 the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted 13 to 12 to approve the Upper Colorado River Project, including Echo Park dam in Dinosaur National Monument. The proposal is now due for consideration by the House of Representatives. Details of this situation may be found in the March issue of Nature Conservation News.

FEBRUARY ISSUE FOOTNOTES

There are two conservation organizations in Mexico with names that are easily confused. The organization that should have been named in connection with the proposed cloud forest preserve is the Instituto Mexicano de Recursos Naturales Renovables, A.C.

The drawing of the Key deer was by Bob Hines of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1953 ANNUAL REPORT

A PROGRESSIVE START

Our annual report a year ago began with a description of a natural prairie area in northern Illinois that was on the verge of being subdivided and sold for residential lots.

Since then, the owner of this prairie hill has built a road through the tract. He hopes soon to begin selling the more valuable lots between the new road and the highway. The choicest area on the more remote hill top is still untouched. A number of people in the nearby city have become interested in the prairie and have visited it and talked with the owner about preserving it. He has shown an interest and willingness to be cooperative. There are indications the local people may develop an organized effort to purchase part of the tract and set it aside as a natural area preserve.

This is typical of the status of the natural area movement over the country. Natural conditions are still being destroyed at a rapid rate, but at the same time an increasing number of persons are becoming aware of the problem and they are acting to save areas.

If the Nature Conservancy brings the need for natural area preservation before the public and helps people to carry on preservation projects, it will be successful. This annual report is encouraging for it indicates continued growth in that direction during the past year. Progress in 1954 already shows signs of going well beyond that of last year.

It takes much devoted effort to lay the foundation for an organization. For several years the members of the Nature Conservancy have been building a foundation for natural area preservation work. We feel that except for future expansion, the organizational phase is about completed. A program of ever increasing action is now in order and we are making progress in this direction.

This report touches briefly on some of the highlights of the year's activities. It does not attempt to review all the projects in which we have taken a part, for many of them have been discussed in "Nature Conservation News" during the year.

The period covered in the report is principally the calendar year of 1953, though the financial report covers the fiscal year of September 1, 1952 to August 31, 1953.

RESEARCH AND SURVEYS

The inventory of nature reserves is being conducted by a committee under the leadership of Dr. James A. Macnab. This committee, with representatives for all parts of the United States, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii, is revising portions of the inventory that was published in 1951. The material produced will be published by units, several of which are nearing completion.

Policies and standards for nature reserves are being developed by a committee under the chairmanship of Paul W. Thompson. Two preliminary reports of its activities have been produced and an official policy statement is due to be published in 1954.

The Committee on Exotic Species, headed by Dr. Herbert W. Levi, has produced a bibliography on ex-

otics and a list of recent introductions. As the Committee is undertaking to act as a clearing house for current information on introductions, these publications will be periodically revised. The Committee has reprinted Dr. Levi's popular article, "An Evaluation of Wildlife Importations", which appeared in the June, 1952, issue of Scientific Monthly.

Two rather ambitious surveys to discover areas that should be preserved were launched last summer.

Atlantic Coast Survey

The Atlantic Coast was chosen for the first general regional survey by the Nature Conservancy. The rapid development of the coast has made the need for setting aside areas as nature reserves or parks there particularly acute.

The Nature Conservancy's Atlantic Coast Survey was launched last spring. Members and cooperators living in the coastal states were asked to assist in locating areas that might be preserved, and a great deal of information was obtained in this way. State and federal agencies gave information about areas already preserved or suitable for preservation. During the summer, maps and reference material were used for a preliminary study, and reports were written for the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

The National Park Service has also been interested in the Atlantic Coast project. It has obtained a sizeable grant of funds to carry on a detailed study to last for the next several years. We are happy to welcome National Park Service participation in the survey, for this will enable us to give increased attention to surveys in other regions.

The Missouri Survey

Much of the credit for this project goes to Dr. Robert W. Schery, who was the representative of the Nature Conservancy in Missouri during 1952 and 1953. Dr. Julian A. Steyermark of the Chicago Natural History Museum, an authority on Missouri flora, prepared a list of 121 sites that could be considered for preservation. Dr. Schery sent copies of this list to Missouri members and possible cooperators in the state.

Early in 1953 Dr. Schery made arrangements for a survey of the areas during the coming summer. A drive for funds resulted in special contributions totalling $319, making it possible to have Robert Nevins, a graduate student at the University of Missouri, carry on the study. His assignment was to determine which areas on the list were most worthy of preservation and the conditions under which they could be acquired and preserved.

Mr. Nevins visited 57 of the proposed sites, mostly in the Ozarks. The survey revealed that several of the areas were of outstanding quality and should receive immediate attention. A good many of the tracts have been modified in one way or another or apparently will be in the near future. Others in isolated locations or on low value land appear to be relatively safe at the moment.

Following up the survey, the Missouri group has been classifying the desirable areas as to whether they would be low, medium, or high priced. This will form a basis for undertaking specific projects.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

The acquisition of duplicating equipment in the central office has enabled us to carry on a much more extensive educational campaign than was formerly possible. "How to Preserve an Area", issued by the Conservancy, received widespread publicity and has been much in demand. An experimental leaflet on outdoor manners, titled "John Q. Thoughtless", attracted considerable interest. "What Worth Wilderness", an article by Paul B. Sears which appeared in the University of the State of New York Bulletin to the Schools, was reprinted and 10,000 copies were distributed by the Conservancy within a few months. Numerous other bulletins and reports were sent to organizations and individuals.

NATURE CONSERVATION NEWS remains our most important method of reaching the public. Last year five numbers were issued. These went to the membership and cooperating organizations.

During the past year the Nature Conservancy announced the offer of a scholarship grant of $500 to be awarded to a student engaged in research on some aspect of the interrelations between increasing human populations and nature conservation. The offer was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Conrad Chapman of Boston, Massachusetts. Because of the lateness of the announcement and resulting small response, no award was made for the '53-'54 school year. The offer was repeated for the coming school year and an announcement of the winner appears on page two of this issue.

PRESERVATION OF AREAS

Progress has been made toward the preservation of several important areas. Some of these projects are well on their way toward completion. An idea of our success this past year may be gained from accounts of several of the projects.

The Sunken Forest

A cooperative effort to save the Sunken Forest has been carried on by the Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Preserves, Inc. The Sunken Forest is an ancient holly forest at Fire Island Beach on Long Island, New York. This forest has developed in the

low spots between the dunes on a long narrow barrier beach. American hollies, many of them hundreds of years old, dominate this tiny wilderness.

The close proximity of this unspoiled area to heavily populated metropolitan districts placed it in imminent danger of subdivision and development several years ago. Oakleigh Thorne II, a resident of Long Island and a student in the Yale Conservation Program, recognized the danger to Sunken Forest --and worked for its preservation.

By an agreement completed in the fall of 1952, the Nature Conservancy solicits, accepts, and holds contributions for acquisition and preservation of Sunken Forest. These funds are turned over to Wildlife Preserves, Inc., to carry on the program of land acquisition.

The Sunken Forest project received much favorable publicity and comment. Articles describing the preservation effort appeared in the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, and other large newspapers. A picture and short description of the Sunken Forest appeared in the June, 1953, issue of "Popular Gardening" magazine. The James N. Dunlops, who head the Conservancy's Sunken Forest Committee, have been particularly active in promoting this cause. Mr. Thorne made a sound film of the forest. All these factors have helped make the public aware of the need for preserving the area.

A fund raising drive initiated under Nature Conservancy was very successful. By December, 1952 people were opening up their hearts to the project. Contributions were received from individuals, garden, community, and hiking clubs, and foundations. Garden clubs in the area have contributed $3209. Preservation of the forest became the project of the Second District, N. Y. Federated Garden Clubs. Every club responded with a donation to the fund.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The following list includes local and state member organizations. Most of the national organizations, the 72 garden clubs that contributed to the Sunken Forest campaign, and all organizations in the exchange member category are omitted from the list because of space limitations.

Arizona
Grand Canyon Natural History Ass'n
Southwestern Monuments Ass'n, Globe

Arkansas
Bess Jenkins Garden Club, Pine Bluff
Ft. Smith Home & Garden Club
Pine Bluff Garden Club
Spade & Trowel Garden Club, Pine Bluff

California
Contra Costa Hills Club, Oakland
Loomis Museum Ass'n, Mineral
Marin Nature Group, Mill Valley
Oakland Park Department
Pasadena Audubon Society
Point Lobos League, Carmel
Ramblers, Altadena
Sierra Club, San Francisco
Sportsmen's Council, Central Cal., Fresno
Trailfinders, Banning
West Coast Div., Nat'l Audubon Soc., S. F.
Yolo Scout, Woodland

Colorado
The Boulder Garden Club

Connecticut
Audubon Center, Greenwich
New Canaan Garden Club
The Hartford Bird Study Club, Inc.
The New Haven Bird Club, Inc.
Housatonic Valley Plan. Ass'n, Stratford
The Wethersfield Garden Club

Hawaii
Hawaii Audubon Society, Honolulu
Hawaiian Botanical Society, Honolulu

Illinois
Evanston Bird Club
Friends of Our Native Landscape, Chicago
Ill. Chapt., Wild Flower Pres. Soc., Chicago
Ill. Dunesland Pres. Soc., Lake Bluff
Prairie Club, Chicago
Rockford Nature Study Society

Kentucky
Beckham Bird Club, Inc., Louisville

Maine
Augusta Nature Club

Maryland
Maryland Ornithological Soc., Baltimore

Massachusetts
Boston Botany Club
Museum of Natural History, Springfield
Fannie Stebbins Mem. Refuge, Springfield
Trustees of Public Reservations, Boston

Michigan
Cranbrook Inst. Science, Bloomfield Hills
Mich. Acad. of Sci., Arts, & Letters, Ann Arbor
Mich. Botanical Club, Detroit
Mich. United Conservation Clubs, Grand Rapids

Missouri
Fordland Garden Club
Park & Playground Assoc., St. Louis
Audubon Soc. of Mo., Webster Groves
Clayton Garden Club, Group 1

Montana
Glacier Natural History Ass'n

New Hampshire
Soc. for the Protection of N.H. For., Concord

New Jersey
Belvidere Nature Study Club
Garden Club of the Oranges, West Orange
Hackensack Audubon Society, Bergenfield
Home Garden Club of Nutley
Nature Friends of America, Wanaque
Palisades Nature Association, Englewood
Serendipity Associates, Blairstown
Summit Nature Bureau

New York
American Museum of Nat. Hist., New York
Appalachian Mtn. Club, New York
Bay Shore Garden Club
Bergen Swamp Preservat. Soc., Rochester
Beta Beta Beta Alpha Theta Ch., Buffalo
Bird Refuges, Inc., Rochester
Brooklyn Bird Club
Conservation Forum of N.Y., Holland
Flushing Garden Club
Green Mtn. Club, N.Y. Sec., Brooklyn
Keene Valley Garden Club
The New York Enthusiasts, New York
N.Y.-N.J. Trail Conference, New York
Old Town Garden Club, Southhampton
Queens County Bird Club, Flushing
Rockland Audubon Soc., West Nyack
Rockland Co. Conservation Ass'n, Suffern
Sassafras Bird Club, Amsterdam
Schenectady Bird Club, Inc.
Staten Island Inst. of Arts & Sciences
Thorne Ecological Research Sta., Islip
The Twentieth Century Cl., Richmond Hill

North Dakota
State Historical Soc. of N. D., Bismark

Ohio
Burrough Nature Club, Marion
Cleveland Natural Science Club
Cuyahoga Falls Audubon Club, Kent
Lake Erie Wild Flower Club, Gates Mills
Ohio Wildflower Pres. Soc., Cincinnati

Oregon
Mazamas, Portland
Western Soc. of Naturalists, Corvallis

Pennsylvania
Audubon Soc. of Western Pa., Pittsburgh
Fox Chapel Garden Club, Pittsbugh
Garden Cl. of Allegheny Co., Pittsburgh
Hawk Mtn. Sanctuary Ass'n, Kempton
Philadelphia Conservationists, Inc.
West Chester Bird Club

Rhode Island
Audubon Soc. of R.I., Providence

Texas
Witte Museum, San Antonio

Utah
Utah Audubon Soc., Salt Lake City

Virginia
Willoughby Beach Garden Club, Norfolk

Washington
The Animals Crusader, Spokane

Wisconsin
Green Bay Bird Club
Green Tree Garden Club, Milwaukee
Ridges Sanctuary, Inc., Baileys Harbor
Woman's Conservation League, Milwaukee

Canada
Societe d'Histoire Naturelle, Quebec
Provincial Museum, Regina, Sask.

By the end of the fiscal year the Nature Conservancy had handled funds for Sunken Forest totaling over $28,000. Since then, an additional $9,000 has been received. A recent letter from Mr. & Mrs. Dunlop indicates that the heart of the forest has been saved. Buffer areas are being purchased at both ends of the forest. While the need for funds continues, we now feel that we can look forward with assurance to the successful preservation of the area.

Other Projects

Another cooperative project between the Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Preserves, Inc. has been set up to save a valuable wildlife marsh in New Jersey. There are now 750 acres of the marsh under purchase contracts. As this effort is in preliminary stages, a detailed report is not yet possible.

A virgin hemlock forest in northeastern Pennsylvania has been offered to the Nature Conservancy by the owner, a long-time member. The land is to be protected as a natural forest and wildlife sanctuary. Final success in the effort to preserve this area will depend largely upon formation of an eastern Pennsylvania chapter.

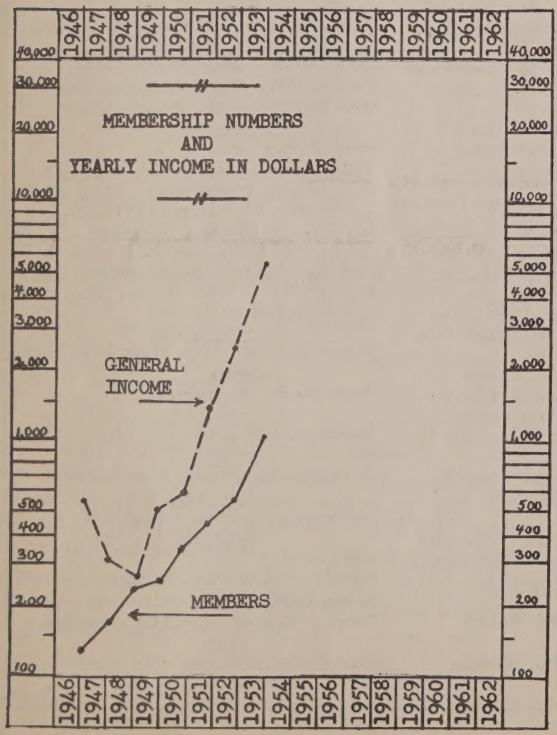
The Nature Conservancy is supporting a campaign to preserve a virgin hardwood forest in New Jersey called Mettler's Woods. Biology students of Rutgers University have used this area as a natural laboratory for years. Now the woods, uncut for centuries, is threatened by the lumberman's ax. A local committee known as the Citizens Scientific and Historical Committee for the Preservation of Mettler's Woods, under the chairmanship of Dr. W. H. Cole, is seeking to raise $75,000 to buy the area, and an additional $25,000 endowment. Rutgers University is sponsoring the drive and will maintain the area in perpetuity once the funds have been raised.

A good many other areas have received attention from the central office of the Conservancy and still more have been aided by the efforts of representatives and committee members.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

The Nature Conservancy has representatives in most states. These members have the task of organizing and giving over-all direction to the efforts in their respective states. They are listed on the last page of this report. To them goes a large share of credit for our accomplishments. Limitation of space prevents a description of the varied activities of the state representatives and those who have worked with them. It is anticipated that at some future date we shall be able to give such state-by-state reports.

Early in 1953, Oregon organized as the second state division, the first having been formed in Illinois. At about the same time, a different sort of



PATRONS

It is a pleasure to announce that thirty-one persons have become patrons of the Nature Conservancy by contributing $100 or more for the general work of the organization. Eleven of these became patrons prior to 1953, 10 during that year, and 10 thus far this year. They are listed below, chronologically, except for an anonymous contributor.

In addition to these, there have been 37 contributors of $100 or more for various special funds.

Victor E. Shelford
Frank W. Preston
Francis M. Uhler
Howard Zahniser
Mrs. L. M. C. Smith
G. B. Gunlogson
Raymond Schulenberg
Conrad Chapman
John L. Blackford
Wm. A. Rockefeller
H. Everest Clements
W. G. Harmon
Mrs. W. O. Caldwell
Oscar R. Houston
C. M. Goethe
Sarah F. Hinde
C. W. Anderson
Theodore M. Edison
Mrs. T. M. Edison
George R. Cooley
George Bedigian
Edmund Harvey
Mrs. Wm. R. Scott
Karl F. Koopman
Eugene Eisenmann
Christian J. Goetz
Aileen M. du Pont
Elizabeth E. Hoyt
Richard H. Pough
E. Schulze Heald

effort began with the development and approval of an agreement between the Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Preserves, Incorporated. This formal agreement provided the cooperative basis for the Sunken Forest and New Jersey marsh projects.

These activities and the varied experiences of representatives resulted in the formulation of a policy providing for local chapters of the Nature Conservancy. This policy was first considered at the annual meeting in September. It was subsequently revised and adopted by the Board of Governors in December, 1953. Since that time the Eastern New York Chapter has been chartered and several other groups of members are considering forming chapters. The policy provides that chapters shall be an integral part of the Nature Conservancy.

The program of the Nature Conservancy depends entirely on the voluntary support of those who care. It grows according to the degree of their efforts and contributions.

Gifts to the Nature Conservancy are tax deductible under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Nature Conservancy, a non-profit corporation chartered in the District of Columbia, _____

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REPORT OF AUDIT

The books of account of the Nature Conservancy for the fiscal period Sept. 1, 1952 to Aug. 31, 1953, have been audited by Thomas J. Stavrum, Certified Public Accountant of Madison Wisconsin. A condensed summary of his report appears below.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Sept. 1, 1952, to Aug. 31, 1953

Cash on Hand, Sept. 1,'52	$ 62.00
Cash in Bank, Sept. 1,'52	918.70
Total Balance, Sept. 1,'52	980.70
Receipts:	
Dues and Contributions	5,377.40
Interest on Gov't Bonds	15.00
Sale of Supplies & Refunds	83.40
Lecture Fees	75.00
Contributions:	
Sunken Forest & Troy Meadows	64,921.18
Atlantic Survey	311.00
Population Study Award	500.00
Nature Reserves Inventory Revision	25.00
Honorarium	165.00
Mettler's Woods	9.00
Missouri Survey	260.00
Life Memberships	600.00
Total Receipts	72,341.98
Total Receipts & '52 Bal.	$73,322.68
Disbursements:	
Acc'ts payable, Sept. 1,'52	128.88
Operating Disbursements	2,713.75
Purchase of Equipment	585.55
Sunken Forest & Troy Meadows (Wildlife Preserves, Inc.)	62,880.68
Atlantic Survey Salaries	239.40
Honorarium Payments	150.00
Missouri Survey	200.00
Mettler's Woods	9.00
Purchase of Securities	408.00
Total Disbursements	$67,315.26
Total Cash in Banks	6,007.42

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION -- August 31, 1953

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	
Current Assets:		**Current Liabilities:**	
Cash in Bank	$6,007.42	Withholding Tax	60.60
Inventory of Supplies	365.33	Office Expenses	54.84
Total Current Assets	6,372.75	Total Liabilities	114.44
Investments:		**Net Worth:**	
U. S. Gov't Bonds	1,096.45	General Fund	
Savings & Loan Stock	300.00	Balance, Sept. 1,'52	2,965.72
Total Investments	1,396.45	Net Revenue	2,943.75
Fixed Assets:		Balance, Aug. 31,'53	5,009.47
Office Equipment	656.97	Special Funds	3,252.10
Depreciation Reserve	-50.16	Total Net Worth, Aug. 31,'53	8,261.57
Net Fixed Assets	606.81		
TOTAL ASSETS	$8,376.01	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	$8,376.01

STATEMENT OF FUND NET ASSETS
August 31, 1953

General Fund:		
Cash		$3,803.32
Securities, U. S. Gov't Bonds		987.85
Inventory (Supplies & Postage)		365.33
Net Fixed Assets		606.81
Total		$5,063.31
Less: Accounts Payable		-53.84
Total General Fund		$5,009.47
Sunken For. & Troy Mead., Cash		2,040.50
Atlantic Coast Survey:		
Cash	71.60	
Less: Withholding Tax	-60.60	
	11.00	
Population Study Award, Cash		500.00
Revision of Inventory of Nature Reserves, Cash		25.00
Honorarium, Cash		15.00
Life Membership:		
Cash	192.00	
Securities, U. S. Gov't Bonds, and Anchor Sav. & Loan Stock	408.60	
	600.60	
Missouri Survey, Cash	60.00	
Total Funds		$8,261.57

GENERAL FUND
REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Sept. 1,'52 to Aug. 31,'53

Revenue:	
Dues & Contributions	$5,377.40
Interest on Gov't Bonds	15.00
Sale of Supplies & Refunds	83.40
Lecture Fees	75.00
Total Revenue	$5,550.80
Expense:	
Printing & Mimeographing	$ 350.57
Postage	673.73
Stationery	469.52
Office Supplies	235.77
Travel	237.45
Telephone	13.52
Office Rent	84.00
Miscellaneous	24.25
Secretarial Help	32.20
Subsciptions & Contributions	62.45
Nature Conservation News	345.65
Auditing Books for '51-'52	40.00
Depreciation	36.39
Discount on Gov't Bonds	1.55
Total Expenses	2,607.05
Net Revenue, General Fund	$2,943.75

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
607 G STREET, SOUTHEAST
WASHINGTON 3, D. C.

The Nature Conservancy is an independent member-governed organization dedicated to saving America's heritage of wild nature. Its specific object is to preserve natural areas as "living museums" of the primeval wilderness. Such tracts are precious for their scientific, educational, and esthetic values. They also afford a home for the multitude of kinds of living things that would otherwise vanish from the earth, destroyed by our civilization.

The work of our organization began in 1917 under the direction of a committee of the Ecological Society of America. In 1946 the Ecologists Union was formed to take over these tasks. In 1950 its name was changed to the Nature Conservancy.

We, the members of the Nature Conservancy, invite you to join with us in this work. Membership is open to both individuals and organizations. Your contribution is an allowable income tax deduction.

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